

Party, Mr. Speaker, has been somewhat distracted. I understand that. Hopefully, we will get a way forward and a responsible way forward; but we only have 5 days to do this debt limit, and let us not take an action which is catastrophic, which is what JEB HENSARLING said it would be if we don't adopt it.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

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#### ADJOURNMENT FROM FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2015, TO MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2015

Mr. MCCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday, October 26, 2015, when it shall convene at noon for morning-hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HARDY). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

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#### NATIONAL FOREST PRODUCTS WEEK

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of National Forest Products Week and in support of our Nation's foresters, our timber producers, our researchers, and the forest products industry as a whole.

Pennsylvania, of course, derives its name from "Penn's Woods," and as history shows us, our forests have played a central role in the building of this country. Today, the Commonwealth has 16.7 million acres of forest land, 70 percent of which is privately owned and managed. The forest products industry in Pennsylvania employs 10 percent of our State's workforce; and according to the Pennsylvania Forest Products Association, it generates approximately \$5.5 billion annually.

While Pennsylvania is well known for its high-quality hardwoods, the forest products industry also plays a fundamental role in actively managing our forests. Active management is essential in order to foster healthy lands as well as economically healthy communities.

As chairman of the House Agriculture Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry, I am proud to join several of my colleagues in the House to recognize National Forest Products Week; and as the Representative of Pennsylvania's Fifth District, I will continue to advocate for policies which maintain our forests so that they can power our economy and create family-sustaining jobs for decades to come.

#### PLANNED PARENTHOOD, A PREMIER HEALTHCARE ORGANIZATION

(Ms. FRANKEL of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, here we go again.

Today, we saw the Republicans' latest attempt to punish Planned Parenthood, one of the Nation's premier healthcare organizations, only because it provides an array of services, including legal abortions.

Mr. Speaker, at some time in her lifetime, one in five American women is going to turn to Planned Parenthood. In fact, Planned Parenthood provides 400,000 Pap smears, 500,000 breast exams, 4.5 million STD tests, and prevents 500,000 unwanted pregnancies each year.

This Chamber's latest fiasco would leave millions of women with no place to go for basic preventative healthcare services.

Mr. Speaker, I am sad to say that the Republicans are more obsessed with the uterus of American women than of the real issues facing us today.

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#### IN HONOR OF AIRMAN 1ST CLASS KCEY RUIZ

(Mr. JOLLY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember a brave young airman who lost her life in defending our great Nation.

Airman 1st Class Kcey Ruiz of McDonough, Georgia, was killed on October 2 when her C-130J crashed in Afghanistan. Kcey was only 21 years old.

A graduate of Dutchtown High School, Ms. Ruiz had an opportunity to learn about healthcare sciences. Her admiration of health care influenced her decision to become a nurse.

Ms. Ruiz' desire to serve others led her to enlist in the United States Air Force. After graduating basic training, Ms. Ruiz was assigned to the 66th Security Forces Squadron at Hanscom Air Force Base. Upon her deployment to Afghanistan, she often spoke of how privileged and how proud she was to be doing such important work.

Kcey Ruiz was a fierce competitor, a natural leader, a beloved daughter, a courageous airman, and an incredible role model.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join with me in remembering a true American hero, Airman 1st Class Kcey Ruiz.

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#### TIMBER 2.0

(Mr. KILMER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. KILMER. Mr. Speaker, folks in the rural communities of my region

don't want our top export to be our kids. With that in mind, we are working to make sure that the timber industry can grow in a way that doesn't put conservation at odds with job creation.

Earlier this week, I joined a summit on the Olympic Peninsula to talk about and strategize with regard to cross-laminated timber and other mass timber products. As local businesses and government and community leaders, we discussed how these mass timber products can utilize an abundant and sustainable resource while building on a workforce and infrastructure that set our region apart and can give the Nation greener buildings. Construction sites around the country could soon use sturdy, innovative, renewable wood products that are grown and manufactured on the Olympic Peninsula.

As Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack said at a sawmill in Aberdeen recently: "This is how we've got to do business. Working together and finding common ground is the only way forward."

In working together, we can develop timber 2.0, innovate, and build opportunities in rural communities and make sure that Washington State leads the way.

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#### HONOR OUR FALLEN HEROES ACT

(Mr. GUINTA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GUINTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to announce the introduction of the Honor Our Fallen Heroes Act, which came about thanks to the hard work of one of my constituents, Pam Rogers of Exeter, New Hampshire.

Pam contacted me through my We the People initiative, which is a platform for concerned citizens to offer legislative ideas. Pam sought to bury, with the full recognition he deserves, an ancestor who fought in the Civil War.

Pam discovered that Private Samuel Zortman died at the age of 21 in a Confederate prison camp. Conditions were brutal. He died of starvation. His captors buried him in a mass grave and has since been moved to a national cemetery in South Carolina. An empty tomb near his hometown in Pennsylvania memorializes Private Zortman; but despite ample evidence of his service and death as a POW, the Veterans Health Administration cannot award him a headstone at a U.S. military cemetery.

My bill clears up this technicality so that Pam and her family can finally lay to rest one of their own with full honors. The bill she helped produce would bring comfort to more like her. Our commitment to those who have bravely served our Nation should never end.

# REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 1151

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to withdraw my name as a cosponsor of H.R. 1151.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

## STEVE, THIS SONG IS FOR YOU

(Mr. SCHIFF asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Congressman STEVE ISRAEL and his beloved New York Mets after they defeated the Los Angeles Dodgers last week—and I will have no interest in extending my remarks. I lost a bet with Congressman ISRAEL.

So now, Steve, this song is for you:

Meet the Mets,  
Meet the Mets,  
Step right up and greet the Mets.  
Bring your kiddies,  
Bring your wife,  
Guaranteed to have the time of your life;  
Because the Mets are really sockin' the ball,  
Knocking those home runs over the wall.  
East side, west side, everybody's coming down,  
To meet the M-E-T-S, Mets of New York town.

Mr. Speaker, please tell me my time has expired.

I don't want to give the impression I am not happy for the Mets. I am, really. I say: Thank God the Mets are going to the World Series—and not the Yankees.

## IN REMEMBRANCE OF TOTI MENDEZ

(Mr. CURBELO of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CURBELO of Florida. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise in remembrance of Ramiro "Toti" Mendez, who tragically passed away 15 years ago.

Toti was an accomplished baseball player. While at Westminster Christian School in 1998, he was the Miami-Dade County Player of the Year. He was sitting out the season as a medical red-shirt at Florida International University when he suddenly and heartbreakingly passed away from viral cardiomyopathy, which is an inflammatory disease of the heart muscle. It was a tragedy that came so unexpectedly for family and friends, including me. Toti was just 20 years old, with a bright future ahead of him.

New developments in the diagnosis and treatment of patients suspected of having this condition are starting to be utilized, but the early detection of cardiac issues is imperative to saving lives.

Earlier this week, I had the honor of participating in the dedication of the Toti Mendez Cardiopulmonary Diag-

nostic Suite at Florida International University. This facility will give medical students an opportunity to enhance the art of auscultation, allowing for cardiac abnormalities to be detected sooner. I am proud that FIU is honoring Toti's legacy with the opening of this important facility.

I also want to recognize the work of Toti's mother, Maruchi Mendez, to bring awareness to this very important issue through the establishment of a scholarship fund and a foundation in honor of her son, who was beloved by every single person who knew him.

## HEAD START'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

(Ms. DELAURO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of our Nation's flagship program for young children: Head Start. October is National Head Start Awareness Month, and 2015 marks 50 years since the program's founding.

President Lyndon Johnson said Head Start would open up "a new war front on poverty . . . to make certain that poverty's children would not be forevermore poverty's captives."

I have the honor of counting the father of Head Start, Edward Zigler, among my constituents. When Professor Zigler recently went for surgery at the Yale-New Haven Hospital, he discovered that his anesthetist, Dr. John Paul Kim, was a Head Start alumnus. Dr. Kim credited his success in life directly to Head Start, and he is not alone.

Research proves that Head Start graduates are less likely to be held back a grade or to get into trouble with the law and are more likely to go on to college and professional careers.

But our work is not yet done. Head Start currently only has the resources to reach 4 in 10 eligible students. If we are serious about helping children thrive, we must meet this demand.

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## PINE KNOB ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

(Mr. BISHOP of Michigan asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BISHOP of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share the achievements of a school in my district, Pine Knob Elementary School, in Clarkston, Michigan.

For generations, Americans have held on to the longstanding belief that their children's future should be better than their own, and the key to a brighter future starts with the best education possible.

Pine Knob Elementary School embraces that vision by setting their students on a path to success early on in the educational experience. Teachers and faculty are focused on emphasizing

personal growth in addition to excelling in numerous areas. They encourage students to think outside the box and be kind to one another all along through the process.

Their mentorship goes beyond the classroom where teachers assist with a variety of clubs and activities that their students participate in after school. In addition to student council or the broadcast news, kids can join a computer coding club where they can learn to write programs. It is popular choice among students today and, obviously, a highly sought-after skill in today's workforce.

Above all, these students love learning. The results are in the 96 percent attendance rate their school has held for several years.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to see Pine Knob Elementary School become one of the 335 schools in the country to earn a Blue Ribbon Award this year, a highly regarded symbol of excellence.

I applaud their effort, and I wish their school many more years of success.

## WEEK IN REVIEW

(Ms. JACKSON LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, some of the good news this week is my introduction, with 16 original cosponsors, of H. Res. 489, congratulating Texas Southern University for 88 years. TSU is celebrating their 88 years at their homecoming this weekend.

TSU is a school that has graduated not only Barbara Jordan and Mickey Leland, but tens upon tens of great NFL football players. Tonight we will honor TSU. I pay tribute to Texas Southern University by introducing H. Res. 489.

Unfortunately, there are some bad things that have happened. Let me cite H.R. 3762, the Restoring Americans' Healthcare Freedom Reconciliation Act, that cuts \$278.2 billion in discretionary funding that would help many of our children and education and the environment and health care and, as well, providing, if you will, the cuts in the Affordable Care Act. I like the idea of the Cadillac tax provision, but that is not the basis of the bill. H.R. 3762 is a bad bill.

Then, of course, there were 11 hours of testimony. What did we find in the Benghazi hearing? We found that Secretary Clinton could, in fact, present the facts to the American people and be transparent as we knew; but we found no new facts, no smoking gun. It is time to end the Benghazi hearings and committee.

## OBAMACARE AND RECONCILIATION

(Mr. LAMALFA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, after 2 years, the full impact of ObamaCare on